



## *A Proclamation by the Governor*

**WHEREAS**, the Gaining Early Awareness and Readiness for Undergraduate Programs (GEAR UP) is a federally funded, competitive grant program designed to increase the number of low-income students who are prepared to enter and succeed in postsecondary education; and

**WHEREAS**, GEAR UP serves low-income, minority and disadvantaged students and their families from underserved communities who might be the first person in their family to go to college by providing grants to states or partnerships to deliver support and resources to students and their families, starting no later than seventh grade, through high school and onward to fulfill their dreams of attaining a postsecondary education; and

**WHEREAS**, GEAR UP includes interventions such as tutoring, mentoring, rigorous academic preparation, financial education and college visits to improve access to higher education for low income, minority and disadvantaged first-generation students and their families; and

**WHEREAS**, GEAR UP is built around public-private partnerships, enlisting the resources of government, business and community groups to support low-income students as they prepare to enter and succeed in college; and

**WHEREAS**, Nevada GEAR UP is a partnership of the Office of the Governor, Office of the State Treasurer, Nevada System of Higher Education, Nevada Department of Education, Wells Fargo, College Board, ACT, Texas Instruments, and Nevada public school districts; and

**WHEREAS**, Nevada GEAR UP currently serves 4,373 students in tenth and eleventh grade and has previously served 9,691 students in the first two GEAR UP grants and the week of September 19, 2016 has been declared National GEAR UP Week and Nevada is committed to providing a quality education for all students, helping them to achieve their highest potential;

**NOW, THEREFORE, I, BRIAN SANDOVAL, GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF NEVADA**, do hereby proclaim the week of September 19 - 23, 2016 as

### **GEAR UP WEEK IN NEVADA**



*In Witness Whereof*, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Nevada to be affixed at the State Capitol in Carson City, this 13<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2016.

By the Governor:

Governor

*Barbara K. Ceganske*  
Secretary of State

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Deputy